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Identical letters dated 21 September 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia dated 21 September 2012, regarding the European Union Monitoring Mission's concern over Russia's military build-up in the occupied Georgian territories (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and the annex thereto issued as an official document of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia regarding the European Union Monitoring Mission's concern over Russia's military build-up in the occupied Georgian territories

Lately, high officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation made several statements on the alleged build-up of Georgia's military personnel and equipment along the occupation lines with the Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions. In this regard, on 21 September 2012 the European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia issued the following statement:

> "In recent days, there have been claims about a possible change in posture of Georgian security personnel at the South Ossetian Administrative Boundary Line. The European Union Monitoring Mission has been intensively engaged in monitoring and assessing these reports with the deployment of extra patrols and has been checking the situation with the relevant authorities. The Mission has not observed any evidence to support these claims. However, the European Union Monitoring Mission has further increased its patrolling to actively monitor the situation on the ground.
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> "The European Union Monitoring Mission has at the same time observed a build-up of Russian Federation armed personnel along the South Ossetian Administrative Boundary Line. The Mission has raised its concerns about this activity with the relevant Russian command structures.
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> "The European Union Monitoring Mission urges all sides to refrain from any activities that could destabilize the security and safety of the local population on either side of the Administrative Boundary Line."

The statement is available at: http://www.eumm.eu/en/press_and_public_information/press_releases/3329/.

Tbilisi, 21 September 2012